

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3539
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2017
Decline in Indigenous Breeds of Cattle
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a considerable decline in the number of indigenous breeds of cattle, buffaloes, goats, sheep, pigs, horses, camels and fowls that adapt themselves to the environment and food and do not get affected with diseases and tiredness and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to chalk out a scheme to safeguard and conserve the said indigenous breeds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) As per 19th Livestock Census -2012, the population of indigenous cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, camels and fowls have declined whereas the population of buffalo and horses have increased in comparison with Livestock Census-2007. The details in this regard is given at Annexure-1.

(b) and (c) Since the year 2014-15, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing National Livestock Mission(NLM) under which there is a scheme, "Conservation of Livestock Breeds" for conservation of indigenous threatened breeds of Livestock. Under this component, the States are funded for conservation of those breeds whose numbers goes below 10,000 and poultry breeds which goes below 1000. The States are also encouraged to undertake a structured programme for identification and registration of new breeds. The another scheme namely National Programme For Bovine Breeding and Diary Development launched by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries also focuses, among other things, on development and conservation of indigenous breeds of bovine.